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- 1. SPANISH GOVT (GOS) APPEARS TO HAVE COMMITTED MAJOR RESOURCES TO LOBBY AT OAU MEETINGS IN KHARTOUM ON CANARY ISLANDS QUESTION. THERE ARE ALREADY 19 SPANISH "PRESS OFFICERS" PRESENT IN KHARTOUM AND PROBABLY 7 MORE WILL ARRIVE DURING WEEK OF JULY 10-15. OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE (ALC) REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE PRESENTED TO COM ON JULY 10, AND IT WILL INCLUDE ALC RECOMMENDATIONS ON CANARY ISLANDS.
- 2. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY BY SPANISH "PRESS OFFICER"
 ABOUT RUMOR THAT CANARY ISLANDS LIBERATION MOVEMENT (MPAIC)
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REPRESENTATIVES WERE MEMBERS OF ANGOLA DELEGATION, OAU SPOKESMAN ONU STATED THAT THIS WAS FALSE AND THAT ANGOLA DELEGATION ONLY INCLUDED ANGOLANS. HOWEVER, HE DID ACKNOWLEDGE MPAIC REPRESENTATIVES WERE PRESENT IN KHARTOUM AND WERE "FLOATING AROUND AS PETITIONERS" IN CORRIDORS SEEKING SUPPORT.

3. COMMENT: OUTCOME ON CANARY ISLANDS QUESTION IS FAR FROM CLEAR. GIVEN CONTINUING POLARIZATION OF COM ALONG "RADICAL"/ "MODERATE" LINES PER REFTEL, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT OAU WILL RECOGNIZE MPAIC AS LEGITIMATE AFRICA LIBERATION MOVEMENT AT THIS TIME.
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